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27—60.30(208) Registration.

60.30(1) Registration required. All mine sites shall be registered at least seven days prior to the beginning of mining or the removal of overburden. Exploration activities are exempt from registration requirements unless they affect more than 10,000 square feet of surface area.

60.30(2) Application fee. The registration application fee shall be \$50 per site.

60.30(3) Application for registration. An application for registration shall be acceptable only if completed on the form provided by the division and signed by the operator or an authorized representative and accompanied by a bond or bond increase, a map of the area to be mined, and the registration fee. The completed registration application, registration fee, map, and the bond or bond increase shall be received at least seven days prior to the removal of overburden.

60.30(4) *Valid registration.* A registration is valid only if approved by the division and acknowledged by a registration certificate signed by the division administrator, listing site name, location, and operator to which the site is registered.

Failure to fulfill the requirements of this rule or chapter may result in the invalidation of a site registration following notification to the operator by the division.

The division may request additional information or materials to further distinguish a site from other sites.

A single registration shall consist of contiguous describable tracts of land which can be enclosed by a single unbroken boundary line and including only that property upon which the operator has a legal right to conduct mining.

60.30(5) Registration conflicts. If more than one operator is extracting minerals from a given contiguous site within the same time frame, then each operator shall file with the division a statement signed by the operator, including a map defining the scope of operations and bond responsibility of each operator in regard to the final reclamation of the site.

60.30(6) *Registration information.* It shall be the responsibility of the operator to ensure that all information in connection with the application for registration and the registration certificate is correct.

60.30(7) Registration exclusion. No site or portion thereof will be released by exclusion from registration under subrules 60.30(1) to 60.30(6).

60.30(8) Sign. Any signs required by other governmental bodies may be used to comply with Iowa Code section 208.9(2) provided that the sign is posted at the main entrance of the site or at the scale house, if the scale house is visible from the nearest roadway, and includes the operator's name, telephone number, and the site registration number.

60.30(9) *Duration of registration.* A valid registration shall be maintained by the operator until approval for release has been granted by the division.